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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This letter is in response to the Communication mailed from the Patent Office on October 3, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims on page 2, and the remarks beginning on page 14, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.